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Jersey City to Commence Its 2010 Fall Tree Planting Project ***Jersey City Department of Public Works to Plant 100 Trees City Wide***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council and the Department of Public Works/ Division of Parks and Forestry announce the 2010 Fall Tree Planting Project.

In an effort to make Jersey City *Cleaner and Greener*, the **Department of Public Works/Division of Parks and Forestry** are now accepting applications for residents requesting to have trees planted along curb line adjacent to owner's property. No private property requests will be accepted. Tree supply is limited and orders are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

A variety of 100, 3" to 3 ½" caliber trees, including: Acer Miyabri, Prunus Colmnar Sargent, Red Sunset Maple, Prunus Snow Cloud, Sierra Glen, Autumn Blaze, and Zelkova Musashino, will be planted city-wide.

"Trees not only beautify our city and improve the air quality for all our residents, but they also help to improve the environment," said **Mayor Healy**. "I encourage residents to take part in this valuable service, and help make their street and their neighborhood greener."

Trees help to combat global warming by absorbing and storing key greenhouse gases emitted by cars and power plants. Greenhouse gasses collect in Earth's upper atmosphere, where it traps heat. Over the past century, scientists believe the Earth surface temperature has increased in temperature by about .5 degrees Celsius due to an increase in concentration of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorocarbons.

If residents would like to have a tree planted along the street in front of or beside their homes, they may request an application by calling the Jersey City **Division of Parks and Forestry** at **201-547-4449** or obtain one online at jerseycitynj.gov. There is a **\$100 fee** for the cost of the tree, opening the sidewalk, and planting. The City requests that residents keep all trees well watered. **The deadline for the Tree Planting application is Friday, December 5, 2010.**

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699.///